State home page unveils up-to-the-minute news updates

The Missouri state home page (<u>www.missouri.gov</u>) now brings up-to-the-minute news headlines to its online visitors.

Every hour, the newsfeed collects announcements and news release headlines from participating state agencies and displays them so readers can quickly access the information they need, when they need it. Links to agency pages allow Web readers to click easily to the agency issuing the information, permitting further inquiry or investigation.

Journalists and citizens will find the newsfeed useful as a timely and informative resource whenever they visit the State of Missouri Web site. Only the most recent headlines are featured in the newsfeed, but archived news releases remain available on agency Web sites.

A team of Web developers from numerous state agencies planned, designed and programmed the newsfeed using XML technology. The state of Missouri incurred no additional costs with this technology in either maintenance or development.